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Today's Weather.

Portland, Dec. 26.—Western Oregon and Western Washington—Tuesday occasional light rain or snow.

RELIC OF DARK AGES.

An investigation into the recent attempted hazing of Kingdon Gould has resulted in the expelling from the college several members engaged in it. Pugnacious is tolerated in some sections of this country on the theory that it is scientific boxing and a necessary adjunct to athletics.

Young men differ in temperament and refinement, and they do not approve of personal indignities, simply because it is a college fad, when it should be a crime.

UNCOMMON OCCURRENCE.

Seattle merchants and railroad men are raising a "slush fund" for the purpose of electing a Seattle man to the United States senate from Washington.

Everyone ought to endorse the position taken by the Tacoma Ledger. It is so seldom that money is used to influence legislators in the selection of a United States senator that such methods as proposed by Seattle would cast an odium on the otherwise pure political methods of the state of Washington.

TRIAL BY JURY.

Impatient of confinement and not being able to agree, a jury in a felony case in New York city tossed up a coin to decide the question; and on the coin falling tails they returned a verdict of guilty.

While it is not usual for juries to adjust their different opinions by the fall of a coin, many juries arrive at verdicts by methods quite as unjust and irrational.

Their secret session is supposed to be deliberate. In case of a disagreement they are expected to review the evidence, talk it over and reason with one another.

But it is well known that the methods of argumentation in the jury room are not always rational. Desire to be released and restored to their family and their business impels many jurors to concur in a verdict to which their reason does not give assent.

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In cases of this sort the jurors who agree on a compromise verdict are presumably convinced that the accused did commit the crime, although they deem the evidence not quite strong enough to prove it.

MERELY A SUPPOSITION.

The Oregon Dairymen's convention, recently held in Portland, consumed considerable time in the discussion of the effect of water on milk.

The commission of internal revenue reports a decrease of 11,061,725 gallons in the production of whiskey and miscellaneous alcoholic drinks in the past year.

A lot of the financiers taken in by Mrs. Chadwick are said to be ashamed to acknowledge the corn and will not appear against the great female wizard of finance.

"American society women are the best dressed in the world," said Mrs. Rejane, and the cynical proof readers made it "least dressed."

If it is true that Mrs. Chadwick hypnotized the men from whom she secured large sums of money, many of them will be sorry that they have come out of the trance.

The men concerned in the recent jail-break here are being held until December 30, when the district attorney will have informations against them completed.

An Indiana man has made a striking success in the invention of wireless telegraphy. There is also room for the invention of wireless politics in that state.

The Japs are using dogs to locate the Russian outposts. The Japs have apparently placed a literal translation on their reading about the "dogs of war."

Andrew Carnegie predicts that great fortunes will be made in rubber. There will be plenty of the raw material at the Chadwick trial.

It is said Senator Depew has the sympathy of President Roosevelt in his fight for re-election to the senate. Sympathy is always in place at a funeral.

THE SALMON MARKET

Unprecedented Demand for Pink Salmon from the Orient.

WORKING CAPITAL CALLED

Reported That the Alaska Pack is Still in First Hands and Little of This Season's Pack Has Been Disposed of as Yet.

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A meeting of shareholders in the British Columbia Packers' Association is scheduled for the 19th inst at the offices of the Corporation Trust Co. 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, N. J.

The United States navy contract for the supply of 100,000 pounds Red Alaskan salmon will probably be awarded to R. C. Williams & Co. of New York city, on a tender equivalent to \$1.17 per dozen.

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That employe of the Rothschilds who succeeded in embezzling \$5,000,000 will probably agree with Secretary Shaw that "money is plentiful and cheap."

The senate is apparently almost as anxious to take up tariff revision as it has been to pass a statehood bill for Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Spain has accepted the president's invitation to a peace conference and probably regrets it was not called prior to 1898.

The St. Louis boarding house keeper may now take a vacation and a European trip.

If sex is not a bar, Mrs. Chadwick is certainly eligible to membership in the Napoleons of Finance Club.

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FROM OUTSIDE TOWNS.

Interesting News Items Concerning the Doings of Our Neighbors.

From Warrenton.

H. B. Parker spent a few days with relatives last week. Mr. and Mrs. C. Doyle of Deep River visited in Warrenton Friday.

Skamokawa News.

Mark Kelly one of Skamokawa's most prosperous ranchers, was burned out at 10:30 Saturday morning.

Marine Intelligence.

The Alliance left out Sunday for Eureka and coast points. The Kilburn left out Sunday for Coos bay, Eureka and San Francisco.

RED MEN'S CHRISTMAS.

Four Hundred Gather at Logan Hall Last Night. The Red Men gathered at Logan hall last night for their annual Christmas observance.

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UP IN THE AIR.

Powder Works Blows Up Creating Much Havoc.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 26.—A portion works at Waverly, N. S., of the Arcadia Powder Company's works at Waverly blew up today and the concussion shook the country and broke windows for 20 miles.

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